



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/667,403	09/23/2003	Hiroshi Sakai	01-505	1069
23400	7590	08/25/2005	EXAMINER	
POSZ LAW GROUP, PLC 12040 SOUTH LAKES DRIVE SUITE 101 RESTON, VA 20191			SEMENENKO, YURIY	
			ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER
			2841	

DATE MAILED: 08/25/2005

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1.1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

Group I: Claims 11-16 drawn to a multi-layer board, classified in class 174, subclass 255.

Group II: Claims 1-10, 17 and 18 drawn to a production method for a multi-layer board, classified in class 29, subclass 832.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

1.2. Inventions group II and I are related as process of making and product made. The inventions are distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) that the process as claimed can be used to make other and materially different product or (2) that the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process (MPEP § 806.05(f)). In the instant case the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process. The product can be made by another production method for multi-layer board without a spacer.

1.3. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, and the search required for Group II is not required for Group I, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

1.4. A telephone call was made to Mr. James E. Barlow (Reg. No. 32377) on August 5, 2005 to request an oral election to the above restriction requirement, but did not result in an election being made.

1.5. Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Art Unit: 2841

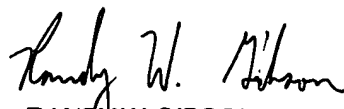
1.6.1. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yuriy Semenenko whose telephone number is (571) 272-6106.

The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30am - 5:00pm.

1.6.2. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kamand Cuneo can be reached on (571)- 272-1957. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

1.6.3. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

YS


RANDY W. GIBSON
PRIMARY EXAMINER